

Application to Participate in Iris Exchange (IREX) 10

1. Who Can participate

- 1.1. Iris recognition researchers and developers from industry, research institutions, and academia are eligible to participate in Iris Exchange 10: Ongoing Evaluation of Iris Recognition - hereafter referred to as IREX 10.
- 1.2. Signatories to this document, *Application to Participate in Iris Exchange 10*, acknowledge that they understand the results of this test will be published with attribution to their Organization.

2. How to Participate

- 2.1. To participate, an Organization must complete this form and mail it to the designated address.
 - The Responsible Party is an individual with the authority to commit the Organization to the terms in this Agreement.
 - The Point of Contact is an individual within the Organization with detailed knowledge of the submitted software Implementation.
 - The Responsible Party and Point of Contact may be the same person.
- 2.2. Upon receipt of the signed agreement, the Organization will be classified as a Participant in IREX 10.
- 2.3. The Participant shall submit an iris recognition Implementation to NIST that is conformant with the *Concept, Evaluation Plan, and API Specification* associated with the test, available on the IREX 10 website <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/iris-exchange-irex-10-ongoing-evaluation-iris-recognition>.
- 2.4. Transmission of Implementations to NIST *must* follow the submission procedures detailed in the CONOPS and API specification document. This involves the encryption of all proprietary software submitted to NIST. The encryption procedure can be found at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/encrypt.cfm>.
- 2.5. The Participant may withdraw from IREX 10 at any time before their Implementation is received by NIST, without their participation or withdrawal being documented on the IREX 10 website.
- 2.6. Organizations only need to mail this Agreement the first time they submit an Implementation to IREX 10. Organizations need not mail a new application each time they submit an Implementation.

3. Point of Contact

- 3.1. The IREX 10 Liaison is the U.S. Government point of contact for IREX 10. All questions should be directed to irex@nist.gov, which will be received by the IREX 10 Liaison and other IREX personnel.

4. Release of Results

- 4.1. After successful completion of testing, NIST will publish the results along with the Organization's name to the IREX 10 website.
- 4.2. The Point of Contact will be notified once results are posted.
- 4.3. References to results in IREX 10 shall be accompanied by the phrase "Results presented in IREX do not constitute an endorsement, recommendation, or favoring of any particular system, product, or service by the U.S. Government." A reference to the IREX website is also requested.
- 4.4. All published results are provided in good faith and NIST takes no legal responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided. In the event that errors are discovered, NIST will re-run prior tests to resolve those errors.

5. Legal

- 5.1. To the extent allowable by Federal law, NIST agrees to protect Implementations as business proprietary information by using same degree of care, but no less than a reasonable degree of care, to prevent the unauthorized use, dissemination or publication of the Proprietary Information as NIST uses to protect its own confidential information of a like nature. NIST agrees not to transfer any Implementations to any third party without the prior written permission of the Participant.
- 5.2. These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this Agreement and are controlling.
- 5.3. Any data obtained during IREX 10, as well as any documentation required by NIST from the Participant (except the Implementation), becomes the property of NIST. The Participant will not acquire a proprietary interest in the data and/or submitted documentation. Any data or documentation that qualifies as business proprietary information, as defined by the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC Section 552) will be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 2, and will only be used for the purposes of IREX testing.
- 5.4. Participant agrees that they will not file any IREX 10 related claim against IREX sponsors, supporters, staff, contractors, or agency of the U.S. Government, or otherwise seek compensation for any equipment, materials, supplies, information, travel, labor and/or other Participant-provided services.
- 5.5. The U.S. Government is not bound or obligated to follow any recommendations requested by the Participant. The U.S. Government is not bound, nor obligated in any way, to give any special consideration to the Participant on future contracts.
- 5.6. By signing this Agreement, the Participant acknowledges that they understand any test details and/or modifications that are provided in the IREX 10 website supersede the information on this Agreement.

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Please mail this completed form, along with attached business cards from both signing parties, to:

IREX 10 Test Liason
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Information Access Division (774.03)
100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 8940
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940

This Application must be mailed. Scanned documents sent as email attachments will not be accepted. Please send an email to irex@nist.gov once you have mailed your application. Upon receipt, NIST will respond with a confirmation.

The Participant must provide a Public Key per the instructions for the transmission of encrypted content to NIST at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/encrypt.cfm>. Alternatively, the Participant may write "faxed" in the box below and fax the public key to the IREX 10 Test Liaison at (301) 975-5287.

Participant Public Key
NIST Public Key
2284 D56A F01B D81D 6F2A 16BE B648 74EA DBA5 F3A8

With my signature, I hereby request consideration as a Participant in IREX 10, and I authorize my Organization to participate according to the rules and limitations listed in this document.

With my signature, I also state that I have the authority to accept the terms stated in this Agreement.

Signature of Responsible Party

Email Address

Date

Signature of Point of Contact

Email Address

Date